

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 13 as follows:

Block 235, which represents operation of composite-score generator 135, entails computing a set of composite similarity scores CS_a^h based on the sets of similarity scores determined at blocks 231-235 by classifiers 131-135, with each composite score indicating the similarity of the input headnote h to each annotation a . More particularly, generator 135 computes each composite score CS_a^h according to

$$CS_a^h = \sum_{i=1}^4 w_{ia} S_{a,i}^h, \quad (19)$$

where $S_{a,i}^h$ denotes the similarity score of the i -th similarity score generator for the input headnote h and annotation a , and w_{ia} is a weight assigned to the i -th similarity score generator and annotation a . Thus, w_{ia} is a weight specific to the i -th similarity score generator and to annotation (or class) a . Execution of the exemplary method then continues at block 236.